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Greg -

Paul Munafo would like the MSFC FCB and others as appropriate (Ecord, Hampton, etc.) to discuss the Stoody ball issue and determine if it is possible to reach the conclusion that the Stoody Ball itself could be classified non-fracture critical based on the work and studies that have taken place to date. There is an agency wide TIM here at MSFC (4612 1008) next week (Wed/Thurs). Paul would like this FC group to participate in this discussion. The decision at hand is whether to spend the time and resources replacing the balls or can we legitimately continue to fly them as is. A multi-center agreement that the balls are not FC would make that easier in Paul's eye. If the FCB needs to get up to speed before the TIM, we may ask Steve Gentz to convey the latest scoop.

-doug